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## The eagle has landed: New commander focuses on warfighting

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE  
THE BOMBARDIER

Col. Robert Wheeler assumed command of the 2d Bomb Wing from Col. Daniel Charchian Thursday.

Colonel Charchian leaves Barksdale to assume duties as the chief of the Air Force Division of the United States Military Training Mission in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Colonel Wheeler arrives here from Whiteman AFB, Mo., where he served as the commander of the 509th Operations Group.

During the change of command ceremony, Lt. Gen. Robert Elder, Eighth Air Force commander, introduced Colonel Wheeler to the base.

"I know a little bit about Colonel Wheeler and I've hired him once before in his role as a member of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Operations Group," the general explained. "He is well-prepared for this role."

Although new to the 2d BW, Colonel Wheeler appreciates the unit's rich history.

"The accomplishments of this wing going back through history are phenomenal," the commander explained. "We are on the cusp of more combat-type issues throughout the world and the history that has been brought from this wing is what has made America strong in the past."

The colonel is also excited to return to a B-52 unit having spent eight and a half years as a B-52 pilot and later an instructor pilot with more than 3,300 hours in the BUFF.

As he looks to prepare for the future, Colonel Wheeler plans to keep members focused on the combat-capability of the wing.

"If you work together as a team and help people understand the bigger goal, the synergy makes the group go much further than an individual could go," the colonel explained.

The colonel said he plans to make Team Barksdale stronger by bringing together tenant units' capabilities.

At the same time, Colonel Wheeler also places a high importance on the individual so each person stays focused on the long war.

"In every war there are times of heavy combat and times where there are lulls," he said. "I think right now, as we see this kind of war, we're in one of those lulls. It's hard to tell what the future is going to hold, so we must keep focused on that combat requirement out there ahead of us. Keeping focused is not easy right now, but our Airmen desperately need to stay focused on the fight."

General Elder also spoke about Colonel Wheeler's strategic plan.

"Colonel Wheeler is working with the total force team and he has a good world-wide operations focus," the general said. "He has deployed as an air expeditionary wing commander so he already has this experience. I look forward to working with Colonel Wheeler."

Besides on-base support, Colonel Wheeler understands that off-base support is also important to keep Barksdale strong in this fight.






Lt. Gen. Robert Elder, Eighth Air Force commander, hands the guidon representing the 2d Bomb Wing command, to Col. Robert Wheeler during the change of command Thursday as Col. Daniel Charchian looks on. Colonel Wheeler's last assignment was the commander of the 509th Operations Group at Whiteman AFB, Mo. Colonel Charchian will become chief of the Air Force Division of the United States Military Training Mission in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

"There's an excellent relationship between the base and the Shreveport-Bossier area because the community is very patriotic and have a 'we support the base' mentality," the commander said. "There are many retirees and other local folks

around here who really understand the need for the military and the fact that we're a nation at war. Their support is as critical as our support for this war, especially in this kind of conflict, which is unique in our history.

Today, our Air Force is changing rapidly but we must never lose sight of the fact that this is a war where long-range bomber aviation and the American Airman of all specialties are a pillar of our nation's deterrence."

### Weekend weather

		
<b>Today</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Scattered t-storms	Scattered t-storms	Scattered t-storms
Hi: 84 Low: 71	Hi: 87 Low: 72	Hi: 87 Low: 72

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20th BS makes its presence known overseas

### Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

As of:  
July 20

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in sorties

Goal:

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Remaining:

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# Staying combat-ready for the long war

BY COL. ROBERT WHEELER  
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

One cannot help but ponder the state of world affairs with the continuing media-pushed images of violence throughout the world. What is its cause, how can it be understood and are there any analogies from history that would be useful?

This is not the first time these questions are being asked in our nation's recent history. These same questions were being discussed in the late 1940s and early 1950s as many "experts" tried to define what the threat was from communism to the West. The intellectual dialogue defined the threat of that era and recent events throughout the world are defining today's threat and what it means to our future.

Like the earlier threat from communism, the Global War on Terrorism is fighting against a threat with global aspirations of complete world dominance. This enemy has openly stated its long-term objectives and defined its timelines in decades. What does this mean to us? Like the past, in the over four decades in the fight against communism there will be times of high military action and times of relative inaction. Keep in mind the GWOT has already been going on nine months longer than WWII.

We must be mentally and physically prepared as a nation for a long war lasting decades. In fact, President Bush described this analogy on Oct. 6, 2005: "The Islamic Radical threat of this century greatly resembles the bankrupt ideology of the last. The murderous ideology of the Islamic radicals is the great challenge of our century. Yet, in many ways, this fight resembles the struggle against communism in the last century."

However, unlike the analogy in the fight against communism this threat is not based on state run political ideologies but rather a religious based Islamic extremist ideology. Its attraction is based on the perception that their religion is under attack and has

become a powerful recruiting tool. It is also stateless which means it is difficult for the West to focus its elements of national power against any one country or group of countries which define the threat. Historically, the state or governments have been the source of threats to the West but this threat is truly borderless and quickly transitions national boundaries to its advantage.

Let's put this into perspective. If as little as one percent of the world's Muslim population were to be persuaded to support fanatical Al Qaeda ideologies this would equate to over 12 million "enemies." This is not a regional conflict and the half truths and propaganda of Al Qaeda and its offshoots could be described in U.S. terms as a "hate group" of global proportions where the West and specifically Americans are the target group.

This threat has also redefined what the military does to help provide security. In the last half of the 20th century the West with heavy armies stood guard in Europe awaiting the Soviet onslaught to move down the Fulda Gap. Today, our military must still be prepared for traditional high intensity combat but also must be a partner in handling border security issues, foreign government assistance, nation building, assist in disasters throughout the world and be able to work with other agencies of the US government to provide a seamless approach to this evolving threat.

Our number one danger is a loss of American resolve in this conflict. The incidents of the last few weeks which have sprouted up violence in the Mideast, Africa, Australia and Europe underline the depth and desire of this threat to foment a global uprising. They are using technology to globally project their message of violence with the desire to push the conflict out beyond the Mideast. An extremist religious message projected through the use of cell phones, satellite TV and the internet mixed with suicide bombers, IEDs and po-

tentially weapons of mass destruction is a lethal cocktail, which gives an enemy more capability than historically possible. Our nation's and each individual's resolve are the basis for what stand in the way of this threat. Al Qaeda understands they cannot beat the West and specifically America in a military contest and have chosen a world campaign of violence and terror to shake our resolve. Keep in mind had the British not neutralized the group attempting to blow-up multiple airliners over the U.S. last August we would have had our second 9/11 with a likely much larger loss of life. If they can cause us to fall back, lose our resolve, they can create an unfettered home base to project their fanatical ideologies. Reaching back to the last century the Western policy of appeasement in Europe created the environment for WWII, which cost 300,000 Americans and 70 million total people. History doesn't have to repeat itself. In fact, we can learn from it.

What's at stake if we fail? Without a doubt our way of life as Americans and the West as a whole. At this historical crossroad, we are defining today what kind of world we will hand off to our children and our children's children. Make no doubt this is a defining time no different than WWII and the world's fight against communism. Like the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1946, Sept. 11, 2001, began our understanding of this new threat.

What can you do personally to fight this threat? Know your job better than anybody else, find better ways to complete tasks, and prepare for all potential threats. Our job in the Mighty Deuce is to provide deterrence to our enemies and if deterrence fails, warheads on foreheads better and faster than anybody in the world. The success of our mission takes everyone working together — just like how a Super Bowl team would work together to accomplish their mission to be the best in the world. The stakes have never been higher.

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Col. Robert Wheeler  
2d Bomb Wing  
commander

**Question: I would like to request a study to make the second-from-the-left lane at the Shreveport Gate lane a dual lane so members can either turn left or go straight in that lane. Many intersections around town accommodate this configuration and I believe this would alleviate traffic sometimes all the way back to the B-52 model. This would also reduce possible accidents of Barksdale patrons trying to turn left by "hurrying" through red lights.**

**Answer:** Thank you for your interest concerning this traffic issue. The traffic flow this intersection is ultimately controlled by the City of Bossier City and the State of Louisiana. A formal proposal has been sent to the City of Bossier Traffic Engineer for review and consideration of the dual left and straight ahead lane to determine the impact and efficiency of the entire intersection. In addition, the Barksdale Traffic Safety Working Group will review a separate internal proposal at its next meeting scheduled Aug. 13. The proposal will designate a left turn lane only for outbound West Gate traffic to allow more vehicles to turn left during the current left turn cycle time.

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**July 24, 1943:** Eighth Air Force sent 167 heavy bombers on a raid against the nitrate works at Heraya, Norway. This was the Eighth's first mission to Norway and its longest trip to date at 1,900 miles roundtrip.

**July 25, 1981:** A B-52 with an offensive avionics system fired an Air Launched Cruise Missile for the first time.

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# Building and maintaining successful bridges

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20TH BOMB SQUADRON COMMANDER

Building and maintaining relationships can be like building and maintaining bridges in some ways. We design bridges to allow for the crossing of obstacles.

Traditionally, these obstacles may be rivers, valleys, or lakes. Today, the obstacles in front of us are separation due to distance and time, cultural differences, and shortages of labor and funds. Bridges less traditional are required to overcome these obstacles and help us continue down roads of success.

Distance is not something strange to any of us in the military. Most of us are all too familiar with deployments far from home, family and our assigned unit. It is part of being expeditionary. It is required to fight and win our nation's wars to include our ongoing Global War on Terrorism. Currently, two-thirds of the 20th Bomb Squadron is deployed more than 7,500 miles away. Our mission is to help provide peace and stability to the Pacific, an ever-growing area of concern for our nation's leadership.

Understanding this helps to build the bridge with our families back home. They understand this separation is for a reason. It is an essential sacrifice. A sacrifice for the preservation of our nation's freedom and all those things we hold dear. To help mitigate this separation however, we use tools to allow us to build our bridge back home to our families and friends.

Technology is a huge factor in the mitigation. Members of the 20th BS reach back home almost daily using phones, instant messaging and web cameras. One aviator is able to read his two little girls bedtime stories at night via a webcam on his personal

computer. With the time difference, his lunch break coincides with his daughters' bedtimes. Technology also works well bridging the 20th BS from the deployed location to the rest of the squadron and wing at Barksdale. Communication with the leadership teams is an ever-flowing exchange of information ensuring both the mission at home and abroad is accomplished.

Accompanying the 20th on this deployment are 2d Bomb Wing maintainers and support personnel. Together we are a deployed team, and we continue to build on our already excellent relationship with each other. Our maintainers continue to ensure the jets are ready no matter the challenge. Our support personnel include communications, weather and life support experts ensuring that everything required to execute the mission is operational. These outstanding folks are essential to mission accomplishment. We depend on each other, and we continue to strengthen our bond daily.

The 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron developed new relationships by building a bridge to Team Andersen and the 522nd Fighter Squadron from Cannon AFB, N. M. Team Andersen, consisting of the 36th Wing and numerous tenants, is our host for the next four and a half months. It has been gracious and is attempting to meet our needs with its limited resources. It stood up a new operations group, and the 20th has been instrumental in building the plans and programs for the functions of the group and wing. This is transformational for Andersen as it transitions from a "sleepy hollow" to the new hub of combat power in the Pacific. Our partners here at Andersen AFB are the 522 Fireballs, an F-16 squadron. They are working with us in many ways to build the

operations group and improve the wing. We have also been bridging the gaps between the fighter and bomber cultures that exist in our own Air Force. We work together, provide capability exchanges, and participate in numerous training exercises enhancing both squadrons' combat capability. We helped qualify some of their mission commanders by training together in large force exercises simulating attacks against a hostile enemy. They boosted our combat capability by helping increase the number of laser guided bomb qualifications in the squadron nearly 400 percent. Every single deployed aviator in the 20th BS is now qualified.

We also continue to build bridges with the numerous tanker units that rotate in and out of Andersen every month. The tanker units occasionally take members of our squadron on familiarization sorties. We reciprocate the tankers and include the fighters as we fly their aviators on our jets. This gives us all an opportunity to display our capabilities and limitations so that we can better support each other in our mission in the Pacific.

Maintaining the bridges between our loved ones, our deployed team and our unit back home allows us to focus on the tasks at hand and accomplish the mission without distraction. Building the bridges with our hosts and with our tanker and fighter brothers and sisters enhances our capability. We must maintain these relationships as we continue to build new ones. These relationships are what forge the bonds that make us better, more capable, and lead us down the road to success.





# Building bombs to stay ready

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE  
THE BOMBARDIER

Airmen in the 2d Munitions Squadron production flight built inert GBU-31s, inert MK82 bombs and live M117 750-pound bombs earlier this week to measure their capabilities.

The exercise gave squadron members the opportunity to produce a larger quantity and variety of munitions than they are normally tasked to build in support of day-to-day aircrew training, according to Chief Master Sgt. Donald Moreland, 2d MUNS munitions superintendent.

"This training is important primarily because it allows us the opportunity to validate our training in munitions breakout, buildup, handling, command and control and accountability," the chief explained. "Additionally, it provides us the ability to review and validate our plans and processes for providing safe and efficient munitions support to the wing.

This generation allowed Airmen to learn how fast they could react if they were to receive a call for an immediate strike similar to what happened after Sept. 11, said Tech. Sgt. James Wohlscheid, 2d MUNS conventional maintenance crew chief.

"This is very important for everyone in the production flight of the squadron to have



Tech. Sgt. James Sult

**Staff Sgt. Cynthia Flores routes electrical cable for an FMU-139 fuze during the 2d MUNS bomb build Monday. Usually the squadron simulates builds during wing and quarterly exercises, but this time actually built them to test their preparedness.**

hands-on experience to hone their skills building particular munitions. It helps new members in the squadron understand their mission," Sergeant Wohlscheid added.

The last such exercise was in February, although the builds are usually simulated and not actually conducted during wing exercises and quarterly exercises.

"Like most maintenance and production functions, we rely on multiple sections to do different processes simultaneously," the chief explained. "These processes have to be coordinated, communicated and sequenced in such a manner as to enhance the efficiency of our efforts. Small exercises like this

one provide us an opportunity to implement and critique our plans."

Another new aspect of this exercise is an aluminum rail trailer that holds many more munitions than other trailers, said Master Sgt. Patrick Collins, material flight superintendent.

"Everything seemed to go smoothly," Sergeant Wohlscheid added. "We learned everything we needed to learn and we were able to show our ability to build munitions as fast as we could. Members of the 2d MUNS take great pride in their work, the chief explained.

"Most importantly, most of us really enjoy this part of our jobs and we considered these shifts as fun," he said.

## 2d AMDS reactivated

### 2d MDG welcomes new squadron

BY 1ST LT. FRANK HARNETT  
THE BOMBARDIER

The 2d Medical Group at Barksdale welcomes back a former squadron to its ranks.

The 2d Aerospace Medicine Squadron was deactivated on July 1, 2001, but will reactivate Monday.

The reactivation will bring back a medical squadron with a decorated past.

"The Air Force Medical Service with the approval of Air Force leadership made the decision to re-activate the 2d Aerospace Medicine Squadron," said Col. James Moeller, 2d AMDS commander designee. "Reactivation of the squadron will bring the (2d MDG) back into alignment with the directives of the Air Force Medical Service flight path."

The squadron was activated Sept. 1, 1994, said Col. Thomas Grace, 2d MDG commander. The squadron earned five Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards during its seven years of service.

The unit is better-suited and properly manned to carry out the critical task of providing medical care to the operational community.

"The (2d AMDS) focuses on prevention of illness and occupational injuries and the promotion of health," Colonel Moeller said. "Primary focus is on the medical support of the operational flying mission of the base, both at home and in the expeditionary setting."

There were many factors considered when reactivating the new squadron however none more important than medical care.

"Some factors probably influencing the decision include the need to provide the best, focused, preventive medical care to a large warfighting wing," said Colonel Moeller.

The structure of 2d AMDS will focus the medical expertise of flight surgeons on the aircrew that need to stay healthy to carry out missions.

"The activation of this unit maintains a strong flight surgeon and preventive medicine emphasis where a new squadron commander will be a flight surgeon," Colonel Moeller said. "This should continue the medical group's strong support to the operational mission of the wing."

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# Air Force Cyber Command online for future operations

BY STAFF SGT. MATTHEW ROSINE

AIR FORCE NEWS AGENCY

The Air Force's soon-to-be newest major command, Air Force Cyber Command, is still on track, or rather still online.

Air Force Cyber Command is creating a foundation for the combat Airmen of today and tomorrow, said Lt. Gen. Robert Elder Jr., Eighth Air Force commander and the joint functional component commander for Global Strike and Integration for U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

"What we have found for the Air Force is that everything that we do is integrally linked to what we do in cyberspace," he said.

As the birth of AFCC comes closer to fruition this fall, the importance of cyberspace to today's Airmen is even more important.

"Unlike other services where you can actually walk up to people and at least see them, we are doing operations globally – we are a global service," General Elder said. "And, the way we connect all this together is through cyberspace."

"People hear quite often that the Air Force believes in centralized control, decentralized execution," the general said. "It is one of the things, I believe, that makes us a very effective and efficient service in terms of how we conduct our operations. We are able to do that because our control of cyberspace is so good. For us to be able to use our precision weapons, for us to be able to do the kinds of quick responses that deal with multiple targets, for example – it is all tied to how we work in cyberspace."

Like so many Air Force duties, cyberspace is every Airman's responsibility.

"Cyberspace is not just a computer on your desktop," General Elder said. "It is the way that we as an Air Force intend to fly and fight."



Tech Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo

**Capt. Jason Simmons and Staff Sgt. Clinton Tips update anti-virus software for Air Force units to assist in the prevention of cyberspace hackers July 12 . The Air Force is setting up the Air Force Cyberspace Command soon and these Airmen will be the operators on the ground floor. Cyberspace is every Airman's responsibility and all members are reminded to stay vigilant.**





## Bagram hospital staff saves baby after IED blast

BY SENIOR AIRMAN  
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**BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan** – A blast from an improvised explosive device claimed the lives of two Afghan parents, however, their 9-month-old daughter, Salma, survived the attack and is recovering at the Craig Joint-Theater Hospital here.

After more than two weeks of fighting for her life, Salma, which means “protected” in Arabic, has surpassed the odds and is thriving and interacting with the hospital medical staff.

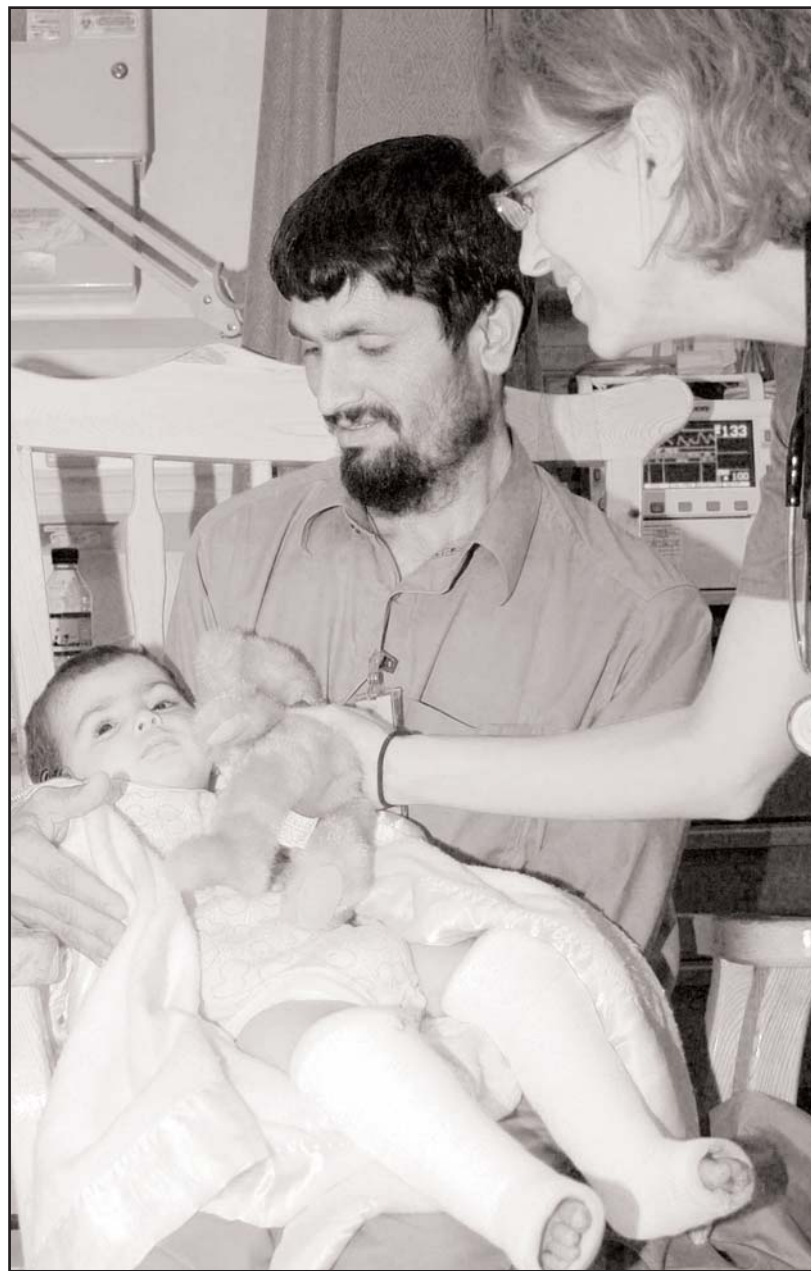
The IED detonated under her family’s vehicle in the Pech district, Kunar province, July 5, while they were driving home from a doctor’s visit. Salma was propelled from the vehicle, suffering a right-arm fracture, bilateral leg fractures, lacerations to her spleen and liver and a skull fracture.

Since her arrival at CJTH, Salma has been under the skillful eyes of Air Force and Army medical staff. Her maternal uncle, Mohammad Saber, has sat vigilantly by her side.

“When she first got here she was almost dead,” Saber said. “If she hadn’t been treated here, she would have died. I believe God chose the American doctors to care for her. They have given her a second chance at life. I greatly appreciate (everything the medical staff) has done for her. They have taken care of her like a mother would.”

“She is a very special patient,” said Dr. (Maj.) Sheralyn Wood, Task Force Med pediatrician and Salma’s primary care provider. “When you see a (head CT) scan like that, you think, ‘Wow this is bad,’ but children are amazing and they can recover from severe injuries like this.”

“It has been a rollercoaster ride,” Dr. Wood said. “Every day I’d come in and assess how she was doing and whether she’s progressing. For the first seven days she was on multiple medications to reduce the swelling in her brain and stop her seizures. The most difficult thing for me was not knowing how much she would re-



Senior Airman Dilia DeGREGO

**Dr. (Maj.) Sheralyn Wood, Task Force Med pediatrician, shows nine-month old Salma, the sole survivor of an improvised explosive device explosion that left her orphaned, a stuffed animal, while her maternal uncle Mohammad Saber holds her. Salma has been under the care of the Craig Joint-Theater Hospital medical staff at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, since July 5.**

cover in the long run, then the day she opened her eyes and moved her hand – that’s when I started to have hope that she would be OK.”

In the midst of the tragic loss of his sister (Salma’s mother) and his brother-in law, Saber finds strength in knowing Salma is going to recover.

“When everything happened, I could not think of the bomb, all I could do was focus on her,” Saber said. “Everyone only has so much time in this world and it was not her time to go. I believe it was God’s will for her to live. She is a survivor.”

“My hope is that the people of Afghanistan will one day be at peace and that these cruel people will stop their atrocities,” he said. “The people of Afghanistan need to join together and rebuild our country.”

Salma will never know how her parents were killed, but her uncle said “she will know how special she is and what a miracle it is that she is alive.” With Salma’s continued determination to live, her doctors foresee her going home within a few days, where she will continue healing under the care of her family and friends.

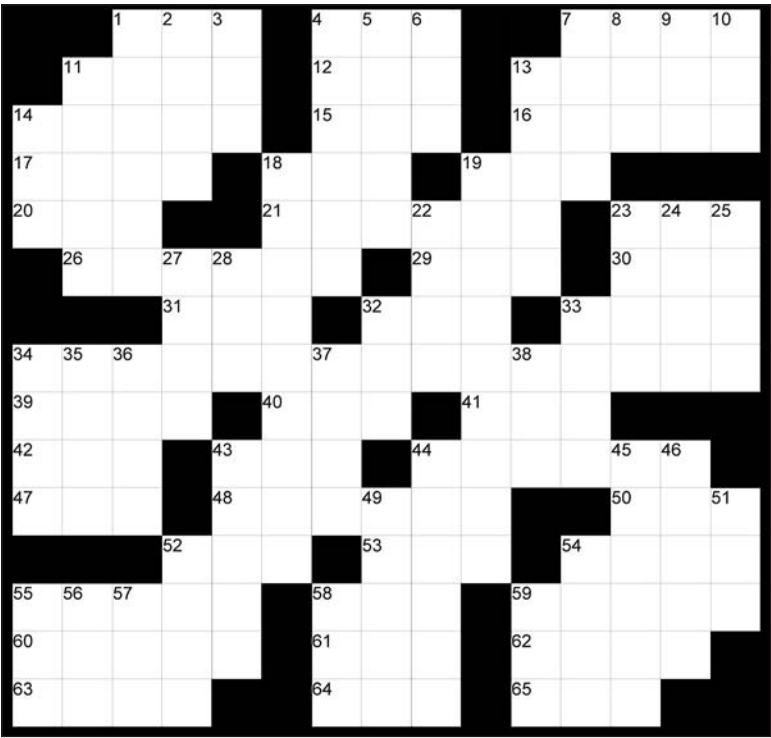
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  - 14. Compose
  - 15. Mistake
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  - 19. Place
  - 20. Japanese sash
  - 21. AH-64 helicopter
  - 23. Expire
  - 26. Playful tricks or pranks; capers
  - 29. Coop denizen
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  - 31. Oklahoma town
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  - 33. ALF search org.
  - 34. Moniker for Korean War
  - 39. Aching
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  - 42. The "I" or self of any person
  - 43. Band of radio frequencies

- from 300 to 3,000 MHz, in short
- 44. Tool for cutting shallow holes by removing a core
  - 47. USA equivalent of AFSC
  - 48. Joining of the lips or edges of a wound by stitching
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  - 52. Rough, prickly case around the seeds of certain plants
  - 53. Wet, soft earth
  - 54. Chess piece
  - 55. Light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
  - 58. Dickens' "tiny" character in A Christmas Carol
  - 59. DPRK ally in the Korean War
  - 60. Brawl
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  - 64. Possible response to an ANS
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  - 2. \_\_\_\_ Chop Hill/Hill 255; 1952-53 Korean War battle site
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  - 4. Slithers
  - 5. Heart valve
  - 6. Each
  - 7. Musical composition for two voices or instruments
  - 8. Supporter of the ROK in the Korean War
  - 9. Bachelor's spot
  - 10. USN 0-1
  - 11. Portable breathing device for free-swimming divers
  - 13. Strut
  - 14. TV Guide listing for premium cable channel
  - 18. Supreme UN commander at the outbreak of the Korean War
  - 19. Protected or shielded from storms
  - 22. Signed note for money owed for food, drink, etc.
  - 23. Comedian Carey
  - 24. Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet
  - 25. Chieftain or head of state in some Islamic countries
  - 27. 27th president; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
  - 28. Altar words
  - 32. Swab the deck
  - 33. Break off
  - 34. 1954 Sci-fi horror movie about giant ants
  - 35. French poet, novelist, and dramatist Victor
  - 36. Ancient Greek god of love
  - 37. Knack
  - 38. Before, poetically

- 43. Overthrow
- 44. POTUS at the outbreak of the Korean War
- 45. Consecrate
- 46. No person; not anyone
- 49. Open Eskimo boat
- 51. Modern style of vocalized Jamaican popular music
- 52. Legume
- 54. Syngman \_\_\_\_; ROK president at the outbreak of the Korean War
- 55. Powerful psychedelic drug of the 70s, in brief
- 56. Capt. Joseph M. McConnell was one in the Korean War
- 57. USAF E-4
- 58. 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 59. Weep

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Answers to last week's puzzle



News briefs

Retirements

**Senior Master Sgt. Rodney Woodington**, 2d Communications Squadron, retires after 24 years of service at 9 a.m. Aug. 3 in the Chapel Two annex. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Bunse at 456-0290 for information.

**Maj. Joe Gootee**, 11th Bomb Squadron, retires after 22 years of service at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 3 in the 11th BS theater. Dress is business casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Capt. Ben Johnsen at 456-2923 for information.

**Senior Master Sgt. Richard Pacheco**, 8AF Judge Advocate’s Office, will retire after more than 24 years of service at 11 a.m. Aug. 13 at the Dougherty Center. Dress is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilians.

Change of command

Lt. Col. Rickey Rodgers relinquishes command of **608th Strategic Operations Squadron** to Lt. Col. Richard Mitchell at 2 p.m. today in the Barksdale Club Ballroom. Call 456-7875 for information.

ALS awards

During the July 12 Airman Leadership School graduation, the following Airmen received awards: John L. Levitow Award to Senior Airman Brent Kolves, 2d Security Forces Squadron; Academic award to Senior Airman Richard Spence, 2d Communications Squadron, Leadership award to Senior Airman Derek Girouard, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Distinguished Graduate awards to Airman Spence and Senior Airman Jeffrey Hunter,

26th Operational Weather Squadron.

Registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University fall registration is now open through Aug. 11 with classes beginning Aug. Call 456-2272 for information.

SNCO induction

Tickets are on sale now through Aug. 24 for the 2007 Senior NCO induction ceremony hosted by the Barksdale Top 3 at 6 p.m. Aug. 30 in Hoban Hall. The guest speaker for the evening is Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force No. 6 James McCoy. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any of the 2007 master sergeant-selects, or Senior Master Sgt. Michael Young, 456-7757; Senior Master Sgt. Janice Howard, 456-5083; Master Sgt. Monica Ray, 456-8058, or Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Williams, 456-5700.

New finance hours

The Financial Services office customer services hours have changed. The new hours are: walk-ins from 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday and appointments only from 1-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Call 456-4733 for information.

East gate notice

Barksdale’s East gate out bound lane is equipped with a tire shredding device to prevent inbound traffic from entering through the exit lane. The posted speed limit for crossing the device is five m.p.h. The spring-loaded teeth will fold down for outgoing vehicles and spring back after the tires have cleared. Do not back up once the vehicle has crossed the teeth.

Tricare information compromised

BY TRICARE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

A limited amount of TRICARE beneficiary data may have been placed at risk through a violation of internal computer security practices at Science Applications International Corporation. Analysis shows the chance any data was compromised is low, but action is being taken to ensure that affected TRICARE beneficiaries are kept informed.

The incident occurred when patient data was stored in a manner that did not meet security specifications for the Department of Defense or SAIC. The information was held on a single, SAIC-owned server at an SAIC location in Florida. The server, which was not behind a firewall and did not contain adequate password protections is no longer in use.

The data, which was processed by SAIC under several military health care contracts, may have included personal information such as beneficiary names, addresses, social security numbers, birth dates, and limited health information.

SAIC is mailing letters from Army Major General Elder Granger, Deputy Director, TRICARE Management Activity and retired Marine Corps Major General Arnold L. Punaro, SAIC executive vice president, to approximately 580,000

households informing beneficiaries of the potential risk. Letters will arrive the week of July 23 and also contain consumer identity protection information.

"We take this potential data compromise very seriously," said Granger. "The risk has been identified as low, but the Department of Defense is ensuring that steps are taken to keep affected beneficiaries informed."

SAIC is making a call center available to handle questions and concerns and the toll-free number for the United States and a collect-call number for overseas residents in included with the letters. The center will be staffed with identity theft specialists who will answer concerns about the incident as well as provide callers with general information on credit, fraud and identity theft matters.

The centers will be staffed Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to midnight ET until further notice. Beneficiaries receiving notification letters are also being offered a free, one-year subscription to an identity restoration service.

The letters also contain a unique identification number along with contact phone numbers. The numbers are: United States: 1-888-862-2680; International (collect): 1-515-365-3550.

Driving suspensions and shoplifting at Barkdsale

Information provided by 2d Security Forces Squadron  
For the Week of July 15-21

- **One base member had expired or no proof of registration**
- **Two base members had expired or no proof of automobile insurance**
- **One base member was driving despite a driving revocation**
- **One base member was Driving Under the Influence**  
*Punishments for the above offenses range from the loss of base driving privileges for six months to two years*
- **One juvenile and one guest were caught shoplifting**  
*Punishment for the above offense ranges from loss of shopping privileges for one year to base barment*





## The Bombardier gets to know:

**1st Lt. Jessica Critcher**  
**20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron**

**What are you looking forward to the most during the next six weeks?**

Being six weeks closer to successfully completing our mission here



**Why did you join the military?**

I grew up in a Marine Corps household and I wanted to carry on the military tradition that my dad started

**What food could you eat every day for two weeks and not get tired of?**

Eggs

**What song is most like the theme of your life?**

"Step Up" by Drowning Pool

**What is your fondest memory?**

My dad giving me my first salute at my commissioning

**What would be the most important lesson you would impart to yourself as a teenager that you wish you didn't have to learn?**

To keep an open-mind and try things I never thought I would be interested in or successful doing

**Who has been the most influential person for you in the military?**

My dad, Robert Critcher, because of the values he has imparted upon me regarding life and the military

**What's your favorite movie quote?**

"I'll be back" from *The Terminator*

**What's your favorite thing to do in the local area?**

Work out

**What TV show would you like to go on, and why?**

Probably *Survivor* because it would be a challenge

**How do you remember your CAC at the end of the day?**

I am usually pretty hungry at the end of the day and know I need it for chow

**What's your favorite sports team?**

East Carolina University Pirates

**What do you like most about Barksdale?**

The many things there are to do outdoors

**What was the best day of your life?**

The day I got my wings

Please submit "Get to Know" nominations to  
[thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil)

Who's your  
wingman?  
Whose wingman  
are you?



# 20th Bomb Squadron maintains presence in the Pacific



Courtesy photo

By SENIOR AIRMAN SARAH KUSEK  
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Different countries, different ranges and training with an F-16 squadron are a few things deployed Airmen from Barksdale's 20th Bomb Squadron experience while deployed to Andersen Air Base, Guam.

The 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron's mission while at Guam is vital to the security and stability of the Pacific theater.

"The presence of the B-52s at Andersen provides combat capabilities that no other aircraft can duplicate," said Capt. Steven Schaar, 20th EBS radar navigator. "Additionally, our ability to integrate with other units and participate in exercises with allied nations provides intense and unique training opportunities."

Since being deployed, the bombers have both planned and participated in exercises

such as Valiant Shield, Blue and Green Lightning and Red Flag-Alaska. These exercises require extensive planning that may begin weeks or months in advance due to long flight durations that require multiple in-air refuelings and coordination with squadrons in both U.S. and foreign countries.

"We have a mission planning cell that does most of the intense planning that goes into each week of flying," said 1st Lt. Daniel Nott, electronic warfare officer. "Our crews get a chance to rotate through being in the MPC for the week. This gets us to take a detailed look at what is required to make these missions happen — especially if the week we plan includes a large exercise in another country and multiple aircraft."

"There's a different feel to the sorties that comes from being a very visible bomber presence in the western Pacific as opposed to

burning holes in the sky over central Texas," the lieutenant added.

The deployed crews also are getting hands-on front line experience.

"At home, our training is very broad from the basics of how to operate the jet to initial qualifications on weapons. Now, we're getting to focus on the application of those basics to a possible future threat in the world — every crew is building tremendous experience with every sortie out here," said Capt. Thomas Stayer, weapons and tactics chief.

Being deployed isn't all work and no play for these Airmen — they are getting to experience a part of the world they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to see.

"The best part of being deployed is ... how other cultures differ from your own," said 1st Lt. Nathan Barnhart, navigator. "I also like the camaraderie that comes along with being

at a deployed location.

"You get to interact with your squadron on a different level that you normally wouldn't get to back at home," he said. "You fly with your crew, share a small living space in the evenings and hang out together on the weekends."

"When you spend that much time with people, whether you like it or not, you get to know them on a more personal level," Lieutenant Barnhart added.

Lt. Col. Tom Hesterman, 20th EBS commander reiterated this point, saying "Maintaining the bridges between our loved ones, our deployed team and our unit back home allows us to focus on the tasks at hand and accomplish the mission without distraction. These relationships are what forge the bonds that make us better, more capable and lead us down the road to success."



Master Sgt. Art Webb

Capt. Jonathan Keller, 20 EBS navigator, checks his MK-117 munition prior to his flight. Captain Keller recently participated in an exercise called Green Lightning which consisted of a B-52 crew flying non-stop from Guam to Australia and back, dropping live munitions on the Delemare Bombing Range in Australia.



Courtesy photo

One of Barksdale's BUFFS prepares to land at Andersen AB, Guam.



Master Sgt. Art Webb

Members of the 20th Expeditionary Maintenance Group crew start an engine on the B-52 Stratofortress.





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## At the movies

**“Knocked Up”****Rated:** R**Playing:** 7 p.m. today**Run time:** 129 minutes**Cast:** Seth Rogen, Paul Rudd

**Synopsis:** Allison Scott is an up-and-coming entertainment journalist whose 24-year-old life is on the fast track. But it gets seriously derailed when a drunken one-nighter with slacker Ben Stone results in an unwanted pregnancy. Faced with the prospect of going it alone or getting to know the baby's father, Allison decides to give the lovable doof a chance.

**“Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End”****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** 2 p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 168 minutes**Cast:** Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom

**Synopsis:** Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann are allied with Captain Barbossa in a desperate quest to free Captain Jack Sparrow from his mind-bending trap in Davy Jones' locker. Meanwhile the terrifying ghost ship wreaks havoc across the Seven Seas. Headed beyond the very ends of the earth, each must ultimately choose a side in a final, titanic battle.

**“Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer”****Rated:** PG**Playing:** 7 p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 91 minutes**Cast:** Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba

**Synopsis:** The enigmatic, intergalactic herald, the Silver Surfer, comes to Earth to prepare it for destruction. As he races around the globe wreaking havoc, the team must unravel the mystery and confront the surprising return of their mortal enemy, Dr. Doom, before all hope is lost.

**“Nancy Drew”****Rated:** PG**Playing:** 2 p.m. Sunday**Run time:** 99 minutes**Cast:** Emma Roberts, Tate Donovan

**Synopsis:** Nancy Drew, the resourceful teen detective, leaves her friendly hometown and enrolls at Hollywood High School. There, her unique personal style immediately sets her apart from her peers who can't quite figure her out but know that everything about her is different.

\*\*\*\* \$1 Movie at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday \*\*\*\*

## Airman and Family Readiness Center

**Resume workshop**

A workshop at 1 p.m. Tuesday will include learning how to write a resume, what employers look for and what information to include on a resume. Participants will also learn about cover letters. Participants need to bring a floppy disk or a flash drive to save their resume, copies of their performance reports and their Verification of Military Experience and Training. Call 456-8400 for more information or to sign up.

**How to Talk to Teens**

The AFRC is offering a new workshop aimed at teens and their parents at 11 a.m. Aug. 7. This class gives teens and parents communicative skills and philosophy to get their needs met without interfering with the needs of others. Relationships between parents and teens are valuable and worth keeping. Call the AFRC at 456-8400 for more information or to register.

**Veteran's Benefits**

A workshop at 9 a.m. Wednesday is facilitated by veteran representatives and is designed to assist military members understand their benefits after their military service. The Veteran Center will provide information on a continuum of quality care that adds value for veterans, families and community.

**Personal, Family Readiness**

With so many upcoming military deployments, it is vital to have personal and family affairs in order. AFRC's readiness program is available at 9 a.m. every Tuesday and 2 p.m. every Thursday to provide information and support during all phases of deployment. This important briefing is mandatory for all active duty members that have a "firm" deployment tasking and are within 60 days of departure. Spouses, family members or significant others are welcome to attend.

## Services Events

**Missoula Theatre**

The Missoula Children's Theatre is holding its annual camp Monday through Aug. 3 at the youth center. Auditions for performing in the Tales of Hans Christian Andersen is 9-11 a.m. Monday. Youth in grades 1-12 are eligible to audition. Youth must be present and stay throughout entire audition from 9-11 a.m. If cast, youth must be able to adhere to the rehearsal schedule. The dinner is 6 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Stripes Ballroom with the performance following at 7 p.m. Show cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 4-12. Call the youth center at 456-3448 for more information.

**Fiesta Texas special**

Fiesta Texas, a Six Flags theme park in San Antonio, is offering discounted ticket prices now through Sunday. Cost is \$25

per ticket with a gate price of \$50.81. Stop by Information, Tickets and Tours or call 456-1866 for details.

**State vehicle inspections**

Effective Tuesday, the Auto Hobby Shop is discontinuing state vehicle inspections. These services are readily available off-base at standard prices. Call 456-4695 for details.

**Texas Hold 'Em tourney**

Stripes is holding a Texas Hold 'Em tournaments at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17. Packages cost \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Members are invited to participate in the tournament for free after eating. Non-members are invited to play for \$8. Advanced reservations are taken with payment. Call 456-4926 for details.





## Sports shorts

### Golf tournament

The golf course is holding a two player best ball tournament with an 8 a.m. shotgun start tomorrow. An 80 percent handicap is used.

Sign up in the pro shop or call 456-2263 for details.

### Soccer registration

Youth soccer registration is underway now through Thursday at the youth center. Cost is \$45 per person during normal registration and \$65 per person during late registration Aug. 3-8. The coaches meeting and equipment issue is Aug. 27-29. The parents meeting is Aug. 30. Contact Mahtorhee Bell at 456-3448 for more information or to sign up.

### Swimming relay

A half-mile swimming relay, sponsored by Gatorade, outdoor recreation and the fitness center, takes place on Aug. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the North pool. Teams must consist of five people with at least one female.

Each person swims two laps and may use any stroke. The relay is

open to active duty military, active duty dependents over 16 and DOD civilians. Hot dogs and other refreshments are served during the event. Sign up at the fitness center by 4 p.m. Tuesday to participate. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

### Paintball in the dark

Enjoy a nighttime paintball adventure on Aug. 4 and 18 at the paintball field. Cost is \$20 per person and includes gun usage, air and 500 paintballs. Additional paintballs are available for \$15 for 500 and \$60 for 2,000 paintballs. Call 453-0976 or 456-7765 for details.

### Fly fishing clinic

Outdoor recreation is holding a fly fishing clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 11. Cost is \$10 per person to attend. The clinic includes information on fishing in the North Folk River in preparation of September's trout fishing trip.

Call 453-0976 or 456-7765 for details.

### Horseback riding trip

Take a trip to Karma Farms in Jefferson, Texas for horseback riding on Aug. 12. Cost is \$33 and includes transportation and horse usage. Participants must bring additional money for lunch. The group meets and departs from the Barksdale Club at 11 a.m. and returns at approximately 7 p.m. Call 453-0976 or 456-7765 for details.

### Trout fishing trip

Enjoy a weekend of trout fishing Aug. 14-17 at Gene's Trout Fishing Resort in Salesville, Arkansas. Cost is \$175 per person to attend. Call outdoor recreation at 453-0976 or 456-7765 to sign up.

### Air Force marathon

This year's marathon is held in celebration of the Air Force's 60th anniversary on Sept. 15 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The teams consist of four persons in co-ed, men's, women's, master's, ROTC and military categories with the overall goal to reach 10,000 runners. Air Combat Command is fielding and funding teams to run a full or half marathon on their behalf. Participants are on a permissive TDY. Call James Dich or Staff Sgt. Rickey Lattimore at 456-4135 to learn more.

### Bench press a B-52

The fitness center is holding an incentive program through Nov. 15 called "I bench pressed a B-52." Participants must lift a total weight of 185,000 by Nov. 15 to complete the program. Persons reaching the goal receive a personalized mousepad that is displayed at the counter. Rules and sign up logs are available at the fitness center's front counter. Call 456-4135 to participate.

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

**FREE TICKETS**

**JULY 31 - 7:05 P.M.**

Fly Over, Honor Guard &  
National Anthem



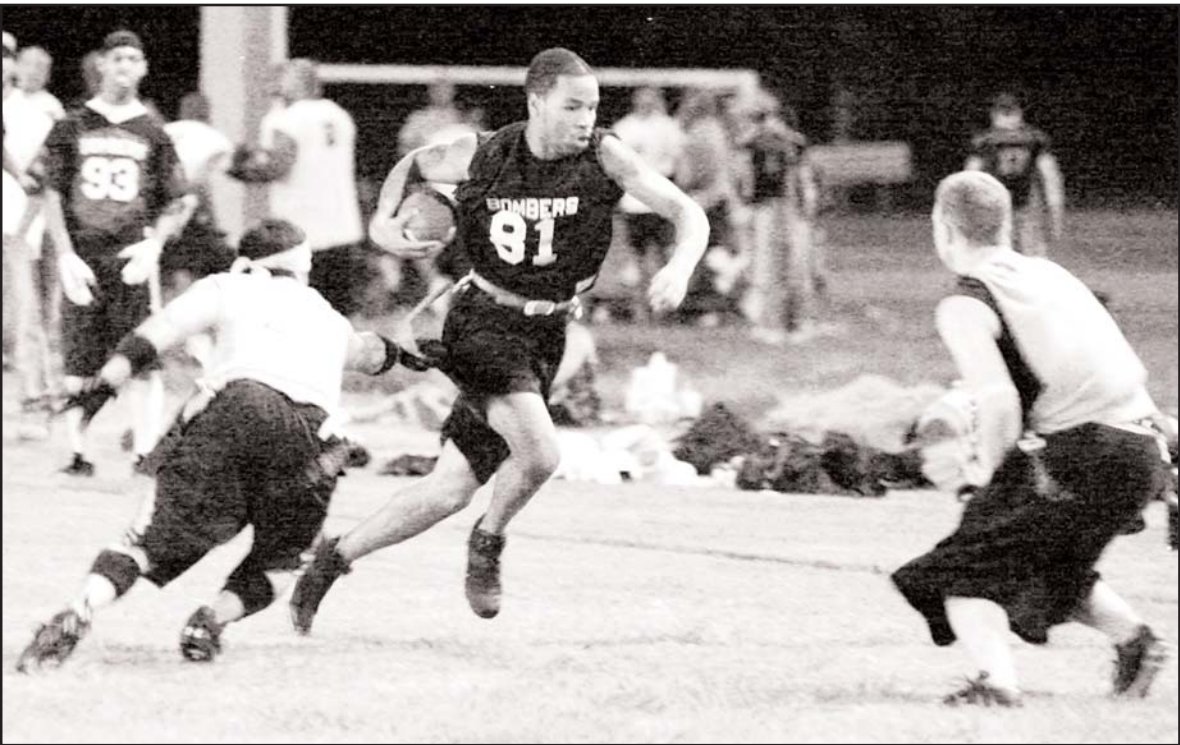
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NATIONAL LEAGUE SOFTBALL STANDINGS

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2. CES#1	7	2
3. LRS	5	4
4. MXS	4	4
5. SFS	4	5
6. 8TH AF	4	5
7. MUNS	3	7
8. 96BS	1	6

Can't catch me



Mass Communications Chief Eric Clement

Evan Walker evades two would-be tacklers during the 3rd Annual Friday Night Lights Tournament held in Dallas July 13-14. Barksdale's flag football team, the Bombers, won its division with four decisive victories during the two-day event. This tournament was the first event-win for the Bombers this season.

Largest Air Force contingency rides across Iowa

BY CAPT. KRISTEN D. DUNCAN  
AIR FORCE CYCLING TEAM  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**ROCK RAPIDS, Iowa** -- At dawn on Saturday, 148 Air Force Cycling Team bicyclists kicked off a 477-mile bike ride across Iowa.

Sponsored by the Des Moines Register newspaper, the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa, or RAGBRAI, is the longest, largest and oldest ride in America with 10,000 riders from all over the country. The Air Force team is in its 13th year here and with 148 riders, it is one of the largest teams to ride in this, the 35th RAGBRAI.

"What I see for the Air Force Cycling Team being here is that we are all recruiters, we are here to tell the people of Iowa that we're out here with active duty, guard, Reserve, dependents and all the other services and it's like a community," said Tech. Sgt. Richard Rue, Air Force Cycling

Team director and a network engineer for Air Force Cyber Command. "When we ride into their town, we are showing them that the Air Force is a community, too."

According to Sergeant Rue, recruiting has increased in the state of Iowa by 25 to 30 percent since the Air Force team began 13 years ago.

The Air Force team works as recruiters by talking to young adults and children and their parents, and by being great ambassadors on the road. Not only do the team members serve as wingmen for each other, but they help riders with minor repairs or those who might have fallen.

"RAGBRAI officials look up to the Air Force and all the military teams," he said. "They're very happy when we're here and they say that if every team conducted themselves like the military teams, their job would be a lot easier."

Day one of the ride was a 76-

mile ride from Rock Rapids to Spencer. Once most of the riders had made it to Spencer, four combat controllers from the 720th Special Tactics Group dropped in on the main entertainment stage, literally. The Air Force Special Operations Command team performed a free-fall jump from a C-130 Hercules from Hurlburt Field, Fla., to highlight their warfighting capabilities.

Lt. Gen. Mike Wooley, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, was on hand to welcome his team onto the stage and they each saluted the applauding crowd. General Wooley is riding in his sixth RAGBRAI.

The team rode into Humboldt on Monday, an Airman was reenlisted in front of the team and a team of American Legion veterans.

Other events included a four-ship F-16 Flying Falcon flyover in Cedar Falls, and the Heartland Band of America, the "Raptors."

AMERICAN LEAGUE SOFTBALL STANDINGS

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3. SVS	6	4	8. CES #2	1	6
4. MDG	5	4	9. MXSB	1	6
5. AMXSB	4	3			